**Calhoun County Public Schools**

**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**District Office**

**July 29, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, and Mr. Ned Nelson.

1. **Call to Order/Invocation**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

2. **Notice to the Media**: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80-(E), as amended, the following have been notified of this meeting: The Calhoun Times; The Times and Democrat; notices placed on the bulletin boards in all schools and the District Office.

3. **Approval of Agenda**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Student Recognition**: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving an award for receiving a perfect score on the EOC – (End of Course Test). Mrs. Murdaugh said it is a rarity for a student to receive a perfect score on the EOC test.

Mr. Porth said he is very proud to see the students being recognized for receiving perfect scores and added it shows that the teachers and staff are doing a good job in preparing them for the tests. He said that he wishes them continued success.

Mr. Nelson said it gives him joy as a board member to recognize the high achievers that work hard.

6. **Public Participation:**  Mrs. Wendy Alsup, a parent in the District, said she would like to recognize Mrs. Fersner, Math teacher at St. Matthews K-8 School. She said Mrs. Fersner did a wonderful job teaching her son Math. She also mentioned the need for a no cell phone policy to protect the privacy of students and the need for training our students about online bullying.

Mrs. Melody Pedings, a concerned community member, spoke to the Board regarding the safety of the students. She added the safety of our students and personnel have to be the top priority for the District.

Mr. Porth said that they would receive a response to their questions in writing from the Superintendent and thanked them for their concerns.

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7. **Chairperson's Report**: No Report

8. **Financial Report**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the SCAGO Bond Resolution in the principal amount of, not to exceed 2.7 million dollars. She said the purpose of providing funds is to make all or a portion of the installment payments to acquire an undivided interest in the 2015 facilities and providing funds to make all or a portion of any acquisition payments due under the acquisition agreement for technology. Capital Improvements and any other purposes approved by the Bond Act and paying cost of the Bond.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the SCAGO Bond Resolution in the amount of, not to exceed 2.7 million dollars. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland added that the Financial Statements for June will be presented at the November Board Meeting from the Auditor.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented to the Board Policy JICJ – Possession/Use of Electronic Communication Devices in School for amendment.

After Board discussion and recommendations, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy JICJ – Possession/Use of Electronic Communication Devices in School with the proposed changes. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan presented to the Board Policy ADC – Tobacco-Free School District for amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy ADC – Tobacco-Free School District for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the tankless hot water heaters have been installed at all schools. He added that four cameras have been updated on the busses and the old operations trailer behind the high school will be removed this week.

Mr. Porth asked if all buses have camera and Mr. Kiernan responded, yes.

Dr. Wilson, Superintendent, spoke to the Board regarding disposing of Surplus Property and said that it would be wise to advertise the disposal of surplus property. He added that he plans to have the surplus sale in the newspaper but he will have a write-up or flyer at the next Board Meeting for Board review before posting.

Dr. Wilson told the Board that the Back to School Date for Students will be August 19, 2019 and August 12 for Teachers and Staff.

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10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Property: Sale (OSF Approval), Purchase (OSF Approval) for Sandy Run, and Facility Design for Calhoun County High School and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

11. **Board Actions**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for an employee resignation. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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